(d) whether the additional or more funds would be allocated to speed up its progress in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work of gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur (149.52 kms) was included in the Budget 2005-06 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 383.79 crore.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 45 crore has been provided for the project during 2006-07. The actual expenditure incurred on this project during the current financial year will be known once the accounts are finalized after the end of the current financial year.

(c) No target date of completion has yet been fixed.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 70 crore has been proposed for the project in the Budget 2007-08.

Ahmedabad-Udaipur Railway line

1296. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work between Ahmedabad and Udaipur would be started;

(b) whether there is any budget provision in Railways budget for this project; and

(c whether it is possible to accord priority to this section by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This is not a sanctioned project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore railway line

1297. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of the railway line between Shoranur-Mangalore section has been delayed due to contractual failures; and

(b) if so, the details and steps being taken to solve the problem and the completion of the project as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) On this 307 kms. long route, doubling has already been commissioned on 284 kms. length. Another 21 Kms. has also been completed and is likely to be commissioned is March, 2007. Contractual problem in construction of Netravati River bridge has delayed the completion of the bridge.

(b) Contracts awarded earlier for construction of Netravati River bridge have been terminated and fresh tenders have been processed for the bridge works.

ATM at Sheikhpura station

†1298. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has made an agreement with various nationalized banks to install ATM at railway stations all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no ATM of any bank is installed at Sheikhpura railway station of Danapur division under East-Central Railway in Bihar;

(c) whether there is any proposal of his Ministry to install an ATM of the State Bank of India at Sheikhpura railway station;

(d) if so, by when the ATM is going to be installed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.